



Belfast May Day - Short Walks & Long Talks

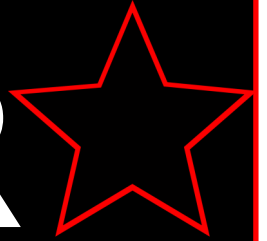


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We Are Not Neutral



Anarchists in Sudan

Sudan, like Ukraine and Yemen, has been at war now for some time and recently the conflict has intensified as militias challenge the state for power. Some people who call themselves anarchists have supported and participated in one side of such conflicts whilst those of us who oppose all states and militarism have stood instead with the working class who are the victims in all such wars whether defending borders or crossing them. As our comrades in Sudan have declared, this does not make us neutral, we have a clear and unambiguous 'side' to take and that is the anarchist one - against states, wars, nationalism and private armies, and with the workers of this world who have no country.

'Both belligerents do not care about the security and safety of our people'
Sudanese Anarchist Gathering

Anarchists in Sudan

From front page

Our comrades in Sudan have been dodging the aerial bombardment of the Sudanese army and the equally murderous activities of the Rapid Support Forces militia in the capital Khartoum. Speaking to anarchists in England a few weeks ago, a spokesperson for the Sudanese Anarchist Gathering, reported that 'We are now working to spread awareness and sensitize citizens to the importance of armies leaving outside residential cities to reduce losses among citizens in the future'. Meanwhile, the British and Irish media outlets have been reporting on the rush to evacuate their nationals from Sudan while the ports and borders are on the brink of a massive humanitarian disaster, as ordinary Sudanese try to flee.

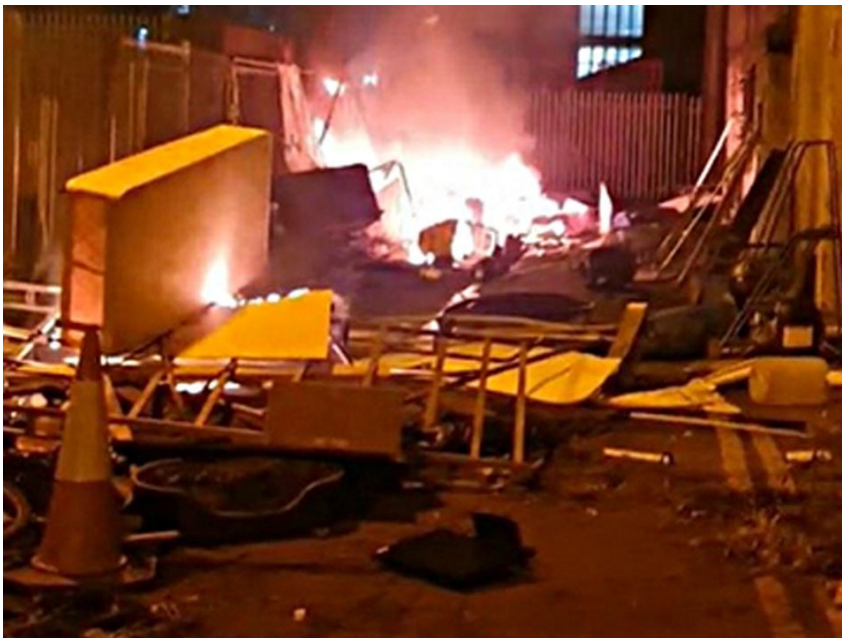
Anarchists in Ireland send our solidarity to the Sudanese comrades in their struggle for survival as well as to educate and care

for their communities. As the Sudanese Anarchist Gathering have said 'we are not neutral, because we are in a peaceful battle since the era of the ousted Al-Bashir until now, against the militarisation of the country and the control of guns on the streets. We started with our peacefulness and we will continue with it to achieve our goals against all parties to the war now taking place in the streets of the country. We started with it and through it we will be victorious, because we are against war and against any outcome that results from it. Both belligerents do not care about the security and safety of our people, so we call on them not to settle their scores among innocent citizens.

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#No to war, yes to peace'

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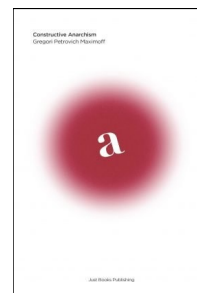
The scenes in Dublin of fascists torching a recently evacuated asylum seeker camp in the city again bring into focus the dangers of a far-right Irish nationalism channelling anger away from the real causes of working class misery and hardship towards those who seem more vulnerable. People living at the camp had already been evacuated. They had come under attack previously and had been joined in fighting off their attackers by a broad alliance of anti-fascists including anarchists.

That Garda left the fash free to torch the camp is a clear indication that the only way to confront fascism and racism is on the basis of working class self organisation on the streets and in our workplaces.

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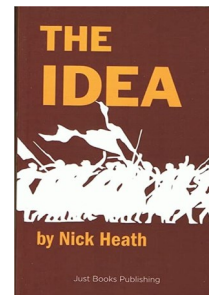
Just Books Publishing, recently set up by the Just Books Collective (an integral part of the work of Organise!), has successfully released its first two titles.



The first is a reprint of Gregori Maximoff's *Constructive Anarchism*, to mark the 100th year of existence of the International Workers Association (IWA) the Anarcho-Syndicalist international founded in Berlin in 1922.

isbn 9781739723705

£11.99



The second title is Nick Heath's *The Idea. Anarchist Communism: Past, Present and Future* - a welcome and new comprehensive work on anarchist communism, this book seeks to rehabilitate the current

of anarchist-communism. To make it better known and understood.

...a good substantial book, and much needed. Lucidly written, it provides a rich brew of engaging discussions of the 'Idea' (anarchist communism as a political philosophy), interesting vignettes of many individual anarchists, and a great historical account of the many anarchist communist organisations over the past 150 years... (Brian Morris on *The Idea*)

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Belfast: Mayday 2023



This year's May Day events were a bit odd. Maybe there was still something of a lag after the lockdown, or maybe it was just about everyone wanting to hear the NIC-ICTU headline act in Belfast, the Paddington Connollyite, Mick Lynch, but it was lacklustre to say the least.

Like golf, the march had the feeling of a good walk spoiled. Not that we hung around for the speeches, there were pints to be had

and catching up to do, but the numbers were down and people stayed away clearly. The march years ago had much more of a feel of a full day out with stalls and food in St. George's Market. No doubt the cash had been splashed this year on strike funds, but there has been a declining investment generally in May Day by the trade unions and political parties, something obviously made clearer by the fact that there's an election campaign in full swing. We couldn't be arsed to look up the speeches, but it's likely they focused on pleas to get the government at Stormont back up and running and/or to vote some kind of 'alternative'.

**it's always
a good time
to start
fighting
capitalism
and its allies**

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ORGANISE: Friends of the International Workers' Association

Local Elections



This is the bit where we usually implore people to come to their senses and tell the canvassers to fuck off and die.

Obviously, we're not going to break with that fine tradition, but equally it is worth underlining the fundamentally counter-revolutionary nature of electoralism. Not

that 'progressive' parties are willing to admit that they are engaged in electoralism, for them, it is just one part of their activities. The reality, of course, is that elections become the centrepiece of activity for all political parties because they are the gateway to the political power, influence and money that they seek.

This a council election however, so there's not much influence, power or money to be had, just the town hall bun fights, the management of inadequate resources, and the striking of increasingly higher rates. Even if you believed in it, why would anyone vote for this shit!

Meanwhile... In Ballymena



The council here has spent a fuckin' fortune on this coronation.

Fair enough, some people want their day and others want an excuse to get pished, but we're not all royalists. My da said he was tempted to go to one of their events though - something called the 'Elvis Spectacular' for £1.25!

Now that's a king we can all get behind, and he has the bonus of being a dead wan!

Get Involved: Help Build A Working Class Alternative.



Organise! is an anarcho-syndicalist group in Ireland which is affiliated to the International Worker's Association as 'friends of' section. We take inspiration from the self directed struggles of working-class people, and particularly the history and tradition of struggle epitomised by the IWA - the anarcho-syndicalist international. Our history goes back to the original formation of Organise! by the Ballymena and Antrim Anarchist Groups in 1985. We are a small, but growing, group of ordinary working class people who are fed up with being fucked about by the profit system, fed up with seeing our communities and workplaces torn apart by racism, patriarchy, nationalism and sectarianism, and sick of a greedy few getting rich off everyone else's backs.

We are actively working to promote solidarity in opposition to capitalism, the state, patriarchy and all other forms of oppression and hierarchy. The way we organise reflects the free society we want to create: one based on voluntary association, democratic participation and self-management.

Our members are workers, claimants, students, migrants, unemployed and other working-class people committed to building a libertarian communist union movement actively opposed to all forms of oppression and exploitation.

We want to improve everyday conditions for ourselves and other working class people, but we also struggle for the revolutionary transformation that can create a free and equal society, one based on mutual aid and co-operation. Sound crazy? Maybe it does, but in an era in which it is easier to imagine the end of the world than the end of capitalism the continuation of the present system is even crazier...



The current system isn't working – ill-health, stress and overwork affect more and more people while others are flung on the dole; for increasing amounts of workers it is precarity, zero hours contracts and the stress of being unable to plan or budget our lives; we live in a world of plentiful resources yet millions starve; some people make vast fortunes just because they own companies, land, property or natural resources, but those of us who create the wealth, work the land and build the properties are left struggling to survive; politicians tell us there's no money – not for wages, benefits or local amenities, but there's always plenty for war; both locally and globally the gap between the richest and the poorest sections of society has never been so great; instead of a war on poverty they've got a war on 'benefit fraud', while the same system that creates war, poverty and environmental destruction stigmatises, imprisons and deports the resultant refugees.

We don't think these things are inevitable or coincidental, we think they are related to capitalism – an economic system defined by wage slavery and the accumulation of profit out of other people's work. So we support all workers against their bosses in demanding higher wages and better conditions. We try to intervene practically to support workers engaged in disputes and are also active in our own workplaces and communities. Not only against exploitation but against the multiple oppressions faced by members of the working class in all our diversity.

But it's not just a question of trying to struggle by in a world of exploitation and oppression; we look to a future where workers control production and society in their own interests. And unlike some people who claim to oppose capitalism, we don't want to be a new set of leaders and we refuse to be led by anyone else. We advocate direct democracy in the workplace and through the commune in our communities – working in federation to ensure that the needs of all are met and that no-one is ever again in a position to oppress or exploit another human being.

If you are interested in these ideas, we'd encourage you to explore our website and consider getting involved.

We currently have members in Belfast, Cork, Derry, Lisburn, Newtownabbey and Portadown and are building the organisation on the basis of active involvement and participation. We aren't interested in meaningless 'paper' membership so you can't join by filling in an online form and bunging us a few quid.

To talk to us about joining get the ball rolling, check out our website at <https://organiseanarchistsireland.com> and send an email to:

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